

Appl. No. 09/917,870

Reply to Examiner's Action dated October 19, 2005

REMARKS

The Applicants have carefully considered this Application in connection with the Examiner's Action and respectfully request reconsideration of the Application in view of the following remarks.

The Applicants originally submitted Claims 1-16 in the application. The Applicants amended Claims 1-16 in their response filed May 18, 2005. Accordingly, Claims 1-16 are currently pending in the application.

I. Formal Matters and Objections

The Examiner stated the reply filed on May 23, 2005 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of failure to provide a complete post-office address as required under 37 CFR § 1.33(a). In response to the Office Action, Applicant filed a Change of Correspondence Address on October 20, 2005, a copy of the submission is enclosed herewith.

Additionally, the Examiner, citing 37 CFR § 1.111, has stated that the Applicants made multiple amendments to the claims in the May 18, 2005 response without pointing out support in the specification for such amendments. With respect, § 1.111 places no such burden on the Applicants. The rule merely requires that the Applicants' response be "a *bona fide* attempt to advance the application ... to final action," and that the Applicants "must clearly point out the patentable novelty which he or she thinks the claims present in view of the state of the art disclosed by the references cited...." The Examiner has stated that the response appears to be *bona fide*. Therefore, the May 18 response meets the requirements of § 1.111. However, by way of example, support for the amendments to Claims 1-16 submitted in the May 18 response is found in Figures 1 and 3.

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II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicants now view all of the Claims currently pending in this application to be in condition for allowance and therefore earnestly solicit a Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-16.

The Applicants request the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 480-8800 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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